(b) and (c) As per records available with the Government around 27166 violations have been detected in 2007-08 and 7636 prosecution cases have been launched and 751 convictions have been obtained. Convictions/acquittals are a result of prosecutions launched in the Court of Law.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act are being enforced and implemented through out the country by the respective Governments properly.

Losses of jobs in the unorganized sector

1479. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done anything for the unorganized sector that has witnessed considerable job losses; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the growth of jobs in the unorganized sector, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Recognizing the serious problem of unemployment, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was enacted. The Act provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household. A significant feature of this Act is that if a worker who has applied for work under NREGA is not provided employment within 15 days from the date on which work is requested, an unemployment allowance is payable by the State Government at the rate prescribed in the Act. In addition to this, Government is implementing a number of employment generation schemes, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). The PMEGP has been launched in August, 2008 for implementation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with an estimated expenditure of Rs.4735 crore towards margin money and Rs. 250 crore towards backward forward linkages with the target for generation of 37.37 lakh additional employment opportunities.

Construction workers in metropolis cities

1480. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are lakhs of workers engaged in construction work throughout India;

(b) if so, the estimated number of construction workers in the metropolis cities;

(c) whether all the workers engaged by various agencies including Government/PSUs are registered under the Construction Workers Act;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the schemes for the welfare of these workers and their children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The number of construction workers in Delhi. Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, as per Census 2001 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 provides for registration of construction workers with the State Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. All the construction workers are not registered with the State Welfare Boards as the States are at different stages of implementation of the Act.

(e) The welfare schemes are to be formulated by State Welfare Boards. The Schemes consist of immediate assistance in case of workers accident, pension after age of 60 years, loans for the purpose of construction of house, the premium for group insurance scheme, assistance for education of children of beneficiaries, medical expenses, maternity benefits to female, etc.

Statement

Number of construction workers in metropolis cities in the country as per Census, 2001

Sl. No.	Name of the Metropolis city	Number of construction workers
1.	Delhi	351249
2.	Mumbai*	98746
3.	Kolkata**	73194
4.	Chennai**	122838

* Information relates to Navi Mumbal, Kalyan, Dombivili, Ulhasnagar and Thane (Municipal Corporation)

** Information relates to Municipal Corporation only.

Investment of EPF deposit

1481. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to invest 5-6 per cent of the total deposit of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) amounting to more than Rs. 13 thousand crore in share market;